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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HEATING BIOLOGICAL TISSUE VIA RF ENERGY

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 768 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 768 day(s).

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Application No.	Applicant(s)	
10/562,135	KARNI ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address-All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included
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of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. This communication is responsive to 12 March 2009.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40.
- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☑ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    - 1. \( \subseteq \text{ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.} \)
    - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.
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  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) Thereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date
  - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

 DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment reparting REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 01/24/2006, 03/29/2007, 12/31/2007,
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- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Depos of Biological Material

- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
- Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date .
- Z Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/KAITLYN E HELLING/ Examiner, Art Unit 3739

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Marc Van Dyke on March 12, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. The following is a replacement abstract:

A system 30 and method(s) 100 for thermal treatment of a selected target within a subject is disclosed. System 30 includes RF source 10, phase shifter 14, impedance matching network 11 and resonator 13. Applicator 3 conveys output signal 17 from energy source 10 through surface 6 of biological tissue 4 to predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 after output 17 has been processed by the phase shifter 14, IMN 11 and resonator 13. Stationary water molecules 1, such as those in fat cells, are heated. System 30 is operative to heat a volume of biological tissue beneath the biological tissue surface 6 such that surface 6 of biological tissue 4 is maintained at a lower temperature than predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without a cooling device. The invention is useful in selective heating of cellulite bodies as a means of treating cellulite.

- 2. The following are amendments to the specification with respect to the originally filed Specification of December 23, 2005:
  - a. On Page 1, line 9: change "obviate the need for cooling of the skin surface while facilitating" to -- facilitate--.

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b. On Page 1, lines 22-24: change "These techniques have not demonstrated clinical efficacy" to -- These techniques have demonstrated various degrees of clinical efficacy--

- c. On Page 1, lines 27-Page 2, line 2: change "However, previously available thermotherapy solutions share, as an inherent disadvantage, a tendency to heat the skin to the point of causing a burn when sufficient RF energy is applied to heat the fat cell target in the deepest skin layer." to --Non-invasive electromagnetic radiation, including radio-frequency waves, has been proposed in the prior art for treatment of fat and cellulite in addition to use for contraction of collacen, such as involved in the treatment of wrinkles.--
- d. On Page 2, line 3: change "currently accepted" to -- typical--
- e. On page 2, line 7: change "As a result, systems for implementation of this method share, as an inherent disadvantage, a strict requirement for a cooling mechanism to remove an excessive heat of the skin during treatment." To As a result, many of the conventional systems for implementation of this methods share, as an inherent disadvantage, a strict requirement for a cooling mechanism to remove an excessive heat of the skin during the treatment.--
- f. On Page 2, lines 10-11: delete "Previously available alternatives are characterized by disadvantages which are obviated by the present invention."
- g. On page 2, lines 18-19, change "Teachings of this patent have, as an inherent disadvantage, a strict requirement for cooling of the skin to prevent burning." to -- Teachings of this patent include a strict requirement for cooling of the skin to prevent burning.--
- h. On Page 2, lines 20-24: change "additional examples of prior art systems which require cooling of the skin to prevent burning include those disclosed in US Patent application No. 20040002705 assigned to Thermage, Inc. which teaches a method of creating a tissue effect by delivering electromagnetic energy through a skin surface from an electromagnetic energy device coupled to an electromagnetic energy source." to US Patent application No. 20040002705 assigned to Thermage. Inc. also discloses a system that required cooling of skin

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to prevent burning. In particular, this published patent application teaches a method of creating a tissue effect by delivering electromagnetic energy through a skin surface from an electromagnetic energy device coupled to an electromagnetic energy source.—

- i. On Page 2, lines 24 29: delete "At least one of the electromagnetic energy delivery device or electromagnetic energy source includes a memory. A reverse thermal gradient is created through the skin surface to sufficiently heat an underlying tissue site to provide that the temperature of the skin surface is lower than the temperature of the underlying tissue. The reverse thermal gradient is established by use of a cooling system, which is an inherent disadvantage."
- j. On Page 3, lines 5-6: change "as an inherent disadvantage" to --express--
- k. On Page 3, line 10: change "all previously available methods require the use of a cooling system" to — the above described prior art methods require the use of a separate cooling system—
- I. On Page 3, lines 16-18: change "all previously available alternatives share, as an inherent disadvantage, a strict requirement for a return electrode" to -- the above described alternatives share, as strict requirement for a return electrode pad to be placed against the patient--
- m. On Page 3, line 24: change devoid of the limitation(s)" to -- that attempts to address one or more of the limitations of the above described systems--
- n. On Page 7, lines 11-13: change "Operation of the system produces a reverse thermal gradient so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than the predetermined energy." To --Operation of the system heats a volume of biological tissue beneath the biological tissue surface so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature that the predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without requiring a cooling device.--
- o. On Page 8, lines 5-7: change "Performance of (a)-(f) produces a reverse thermal gradient so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a

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lower temperature than the predetermined energy dissipation zone, thereby obviating the need for a cooling device." to --Performance of (a)-(f) heats a volume of biological tissue beneath the biological tissue surface so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than the predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without requiring a cooling device.--

- p. On Page 8, line 28-Page 9, line 3: change "Performance of (a)-(f) produces a reverse thermal gradient so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than the predetermined energy dissipation zone, thereby obviating the need for a cooling device." to --Performance of (a)-(f) heats a volume of biological tissue beneath the biological tissue surface so that the surface of the biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than the predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without requiring a cooling device.--
- q. On Page 14, lines 8-10: delete "Organization of energy dissipation inside of subcutaneous tissue insures maintenance of a relatively low temperature on the skin surface (epidermis). This provides a reverse thermal gradient without the use of an external cooling system."
- r. On Page 16, lines 10-13: delete "It is an inherent advantage of system 30 that its operation produces a reverse thermal gradient so that surface 6 of biological tissue 4 is maintained at a lower temperature than predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without use of a cooling device."
- s. On Page 16, line 14: add --System 30 may be operated to heat a volume of biological tissue beneath the biological tissue surface 6 such that surface 6 of biological tissue 4 is maintained at a lower temperature than predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without a cooling device. --
- t. On Page 16, line 25-Page 17, line 2: change "The temperature at surface 6 of tissue layer 4 is clearly lower than along line 26 in zone 5. In other words, operation of system 30 creates a reverse thermal gradient and obviates the need for a cooling system to prevent undesired overheating of surface 6." to -- In the example of Figure 4, the temperature at surface 6 of tissue 4 is clearly lower than along line 26 in zone 5.--

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u. On Page 17, line 10: delete "Despite the cooling system, no reverse thermal gradient is achieved."

- v. On Page 19, lines 18-20: change "Performance of 102, 104, 105, 108, 110 and 112 produce 114 a reverse thermal gradient so that surface 6 of biological tissue 4 is maintained at a lower temperature than predetermined energy dissipation zone 5, thereby obviating the need for a cooling device." to --Performance of 102, 104, 105, 108, 110 and 112 heats biological tissue beneath the tissue surface 6 of biological tissue 4 so that the biological tissue surface 6 is maintained at a lower temperature than predetermined energy dissipation zone 5 without requiring a cooling device.--
- w. On Page 20, lines 19-20: delete "Applicator 3 serves also to cool tissue surface 6, thereby obviating the need for a separate cooling system."
- x. On page 21, lines 12-15: delete "It is an advantage of the present invention that epidermal layer 6 is heated mush less than subcutaneous tissue 4. An inverse thermal gradient that is provided by intensive cooling of epidermis that described by Thermage patents is achieved automatically with deep heating of tissues."
- y. On Page 21, lines 7-8: delete "Thus, collagen capsules will be destroyed by heating because their high thermo isolation."
- z. On Page 21, lines 10-11: delete "will leads to the most efficient collagen capsule destruction"
- The following are amendments to the claims with respect to the Preliminary Amendment filed April 30, 2007:
  - aa. Claim 1, lines 28-30: change "beneath said surface" to -- beneath said surface so that the surface of said biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than said predetermined energy dissipation zone without a cooling device--.
  - bb. Claim 20, lines 24-26: change" beneath said surface" to -- beneath said surface so that the surface of said biological tissue is maintained at a lower

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temperature than said predetermined energy dissipation zone without a cooling device--.

cc. Claim 40, lines 26-28: change" beneath said surface" to -- beneath said surface so that the surface of said biological tissue is maintained at a lower temperature than said predetermined energy dissipation zone without a cooling device--.

#### Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record does not teach or fairly disclose a thermal treatment system that uses an RF energy source, a phase shifter, an impedance matching network, an RF resonator in which the system heats the biological tissue beneath the surface while the surface of the tissue is maintained at a lower temperature that the heated tissue beneath the surface without the benefit of a cooling device. All of the closest prior art utilizes an external cooling means such as a cooling fluid or thermoelectric cooling unites to reduce the temperature at the surface of the biological tissue being treated.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAITLYN E. HELLING whose telephone number is (571)270-5845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda C.M. Dvorak can be reached on (571)272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/KAITLYN E HELLING/ Examiner, Art Unit 3739 /Roy D. Gibson/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3739